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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1827

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PFOR, CY, GR, TU

SUBJECT: RETURN OF GOG AMBASSADOR LAGACOS

REF: NICOSIA 1822

1. ENDING TWELVE-DAY SOJOURN IN ATHENS, GOG AMBASSADOR LAGACOS RETURNED TO NICOSIA EVENING AUGUST 23 BEARING NEW "INSTRUCTIONS". IN BRIEF STATEMENT AT AIRPORT, LAGACOS SAID HIS LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG (INCLUDING PAPADOPOULOS) HAD FOCUSED ON QUEST FOR WAYS THAT GREECE COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO PACIFICATION OF CYPRUS IN ORDER (1) END FRATRICIDAL STRIFE AND ALSO (2) HELP EFFORTS FIND VIA REINFORCED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS A JUST SOLUTION BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF UNITARY, INDEPENDENT, AND SOVEREIGN STATE.

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2. LAGACOS REFUSED FURTHER COMMENT AND DECLINED ANSWER

QUESTION REGARDING "ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS" PROPOSAL (NICOSIA 1727).

3. MEANWHILE, TACTICAL RESERVE NOW SWEEPING IN FAMAGUSTA. PRESS REPORTS SOME FIFTEEN ARRESTS, VARIOUS SEDITION DOCUMENT (INCLUDING ANOTHER COPY OF "APOLLO PLAN"), AND MATERIEL. TWO POLICEMEN WOUNDED WHEN ATTACKED DURING SEARCH.

4. COMMENT: LAGACOS STATEMENT REPEATS LITANY ON TALKS BUT AS USUAL AVOIDS EXPLICIT CONDEMNATION GRIVAS, LIKELY BE SEEN BY CYPRUS GOVT AS ONCONSTRUCTIVE. AS WITH WEDNESDAY MAKARIOS RECANTATION ON NATIONAL GUARD (WHICH MAY HAVE PAVED WAY FOR LAGACOS RETURN, SEE REFTEL), IT IS MINIMUM NECESSARY UNDER CONDITIONS. CAUTIOUS LINE SUGGESTS ATHENS UNWILLING GO BEYOND STANDING LINE OF URGING BOTH SIDES TO BE NICE. MEANWHILE, GRIVAS FORCES PRESUMABLY CHAFING AT INACTION IN FACE OF SUSTAINED POLICE TACTICAL RESERVE INITIATIVE. THIS MAY EXPLAIN INITIATIVE IN ATTACKING POLICE ON SEARCH OPERATION FAMAGUSTA. GRIVAS MAY BE UNDER PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING DRAMATIC (PERHAPS A PRISON BREAK?) TO SUSTAIN OWN FORCES' MORALE, BUT WE CONTINUE TO DOUBT HE CAN SUSTAIN A DIRECT AND OPEN CHALLENGE TO MAKARIOS FORCES.

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